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LEGION OF HONOR.

What the Grand Council Did at their Opening Meeting in Turner Hall Yesterday.

How the Alamo and Star Councils Received the Grand Council at the San Pedro Springs.

Grand Commander R. E. Burke presided over the American Legion of Honor opening yesterday, when the following answered the roll call:

To evidence the wonderful growth of this order we have but to instance that this enormous membership has grown from less than 100 in 1879, and is now distributing in benevolent wires, and orphaned children numbered at \$1,500,000, per year, and is an assurance to the living at a trifling cost, the future enjoyment of which, by its beneficiaries, is not made uncertain by technicalities of the law, nor by the delinquency or incompletion of corporate management.

This powerful agent has spread in Texas in proportion as our State has advanced in the development of her resources, and the annual distribution of benefits.

To manage and control and to perfect the working machinery of this benevolent institution, at the request of our "Alamo Council" we have convened in the beautiful city of San Antonio, and it is my pleasant duty in behalf of Councils "Star" and "Alamo" to extend to you and the distinguished representatives who accompany you, that welcome which your mission deserves, and which should greet you at the threshold of this beautiful and charming west of our great State, Texas.

Remember that you are the guests of a united brotherhood—companion in life, composed of American, German, Malay, Spanish, Mexican, Italian, French and English, but all united by the same fraternal bonds, seeking not hoping for might, but a generous council rivalry, and for the best advancement of the good and uplifting influences of our order.

Many of you, perhaps, visit our city and our section for the first time, and we desire that you return to your homes carrying a happy recollection of our blue skies, our sparkling rivers, our green valleys and our beautiful city, the cradle of Texas liberty, and our lovely women, and that our hospitalities in this domain may strengthen the common bond that unites us, and prove that your companions in San Antonio highly appreciate the honor you have conferred on them and their city by holding your Grand Council in our midst.

Again, on behalf of our companions of San Antonio, I bid you a hearty welcome to the hospitalities of our Legion and our city. At the conclusion of the address Mr. Boone was heartily applauded. Grand Commander Burke rising to

REPLY TO THE WELCOME, said: In sitting here listening to the chaste and elegant address of Judge Boone, I had hoped that I could be inspired with the eloquence of a Henry, that I might fittingly convey to you the thanks of the Grand Council, on whose behalf this entertainment is gotten up.

To many of us this is our first visit to the City of the Alamo, a visit to which many of us have looked forward with pleasant anticipation. We had heard of your liberality, of the grandeur of your buildings, of your generosity, of the civility and honor of your men, and the beauty and elegance of your women; but I say, with all candor, on behalf of the Grand Council, that, like the Queen of Sheba of old, the half had not been told us. [Loud applause.] Twelve months ago the Grand Council assembled in the beautiful city of Dallas and the Alamo Council tendered us an invitation to greet and entertain us in the Alamo City. They promised us that their meeting should be pleasant and our surroundings such as we could wish them. How well they have kept that promise this reception testifies. I don't know that I could say much more. On these occasions fair maidens and gallant young men prefer the merry waltz to speech making and others like to enjoy themselves in a different way. On behalf of the Grand Council I thank the companions of the Alamo and Star Councils for the handsome reception we have received. Rest assured that when we return to our homes we shall carry with us pleasant recollections of our visit to your grand old city [applause].

Mr. J. H. McHenry then announced that the proceedings were of an informal character and invited the visitors to dance or enjoy themselves as they pleased. The major part of the crowd then dispersed, many going to the dance hall, others to the bar to "smile" or to light the fragrant weed. All enjoyed themselves considerably, but the only thing wanted was the smiles of lovely women which were few and far between, the ladies being very poorly represented in the dance. The Council reassembled this morning and elected the following grand officers for the ensuing term:

Grand Commander, B. F. Fyrmire, Crockett; Vice Grand Commander, George R. Daskiel, San Antonio; Grand Officer, H. M. Biedler, Texas; Grand Secretary, F. H. Bailey, Hearne; Grand Treasurer, G. B. Patton, Dallas; Grand Guide, H. L. Miller, Overton; Grand Chaplain, Rev. John Todd, Richmond; Grand Warden, David Perkins, Houston; Grand Secretary, J. C. Rogie, Dallas. The ball and banquet takes place to-night in Turner hall.

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A noble purpose has brought you here to-night, far from homes, and yet because of the bond and ties of a great fraternity you are of us and with us, and our homes shall be your homes, and our pleasures shall not be full unless you, our guests, our companions, can enjoy them with us.

The duty you are discharging, on the love and devotion of all our companions. An organization, having a membership of a tenth of a million, united in one common bond of brotherhood, extending all over the States and Territories of our Union, as well as to the islands of the seas, all engaged in one cause—and that for the advancement of the best interests of a common humanity, should command the universal admiration of mankind.

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TELEGRAPHIC.

Lord Coleridge at Lowell, Mass.—President Villard at Portland, Oregon— Fever Report.

More About the James Gang—Details of a Desperate Fight Between Cowboys—The Late Frost.

WASHINGTON, September 11.—At Pensacola yesterday, all the patients in the Navy yard and hospital were convalescent and no new cases.

SAN FRANCISCO, September 11.—The case of Senator Sharon, arrested last Saturday on a charge of adultery, was called in the police court this morning. At the request of his counsel it was continued two weeks.

LOWELL, September 11.—Lord Coleridge and party visited the mills here to-day, and the latter dined with Governor Butler, at the latter's residence. Lord Coleridge has gone to Newport. He is invited by the Legislature of New Hampshire to visit Concord before its adjournment on the 13th.

PETERSBURG, Va., September 11.—Forest fires have destroyed a large quantity of valuable timber lands, undergrowth and cord wood. The adjacent counties at last accounts were still burning. The fires extend over a large area. In some instances wheat fields were destroyed by the flames, and considerable damage was done.

GALVESTON, September 11.—Two heavy damage suits against railroads have been instituted in the District court. Each is brought by a widow. Caroline Gray asks \$50,000 from the Texas Mexican road for the loss of her husband through the overturning of the carriage, said to have been caused by a defective track. Anna Dickson claims \$50,000 from the Missouri Pacific railway, because her husband was run down by a locomotive, which it is alleged was being managed in a grossly negligent manner.

PORTLAND, September 11.—President Villard's party reached Portland during the night. All are enthusiastic over their trip, which has been full of interesting incidents, but free from any serious accident. Portland is preparing to give her visitors a good reception. The city is elaborately decorated, and a procession, speeches and banquet are a part of the programme here, and several days will be spent in Portland and vicinity. From the point of the golden spike driving in the presence of the President, there has been a repetition of the previous lavish decorations at all cities and towns passed, and the same warm welcome.

CAIRO, September 11.—Last night Kate Cotton (colored), because Alf Miller would not marry her, went to the house of Louis McMurray, Miller's father-in-law, asked for a cup of coffee and found time volunteered to make a pot full. After making it she left the house, saying that she would return soon. The family sat down to supper, and in a short time were all taken sick. One named Jerry Thompson died, his wife is very ill. Miller and McMurray are dangerously ill. The doctor pronounced all poisoned. Kate was arrested, took poison while in jail and will probably die.

READING, Pa., September 11.—Miss Elizabeth B. Miller, formerly of Bowers, in this county, and now of Philadelphia, who brought action against the Rev. Alex. S. Keyser, of Potsville, for breach of promise, got a verdict melting the defendant in damages. He, while studying for the ministry, paid attention to Miss Miller, and a child was born. Keyser promised to marry her after he became a minister, but subsequently married another lady of Potsville, whereupon Miss Miller brought suit claiming \$1000 damages. Some time ago she wished to settle and withdrew the suit, but could not come to satisfactory terms. The court gave her a verdict of \$1000. She had previously received \$500 from Keyser for the maintenance of the child.

CHICAGO, September 11.—The Farmers' Review publishes to-night the following: "A frost of greater or less severity has been experienced throughout Minnesota, Wisconsin, Northern and Northeastern Iowa, Northern Illinois and Indiana, and through the entire State of Michigan, causing serious injury to late corn; this injury it is impossible at this writing accurately to determine, in all the territory visited by the frost, some fields were so fully matured as to receive no damage. In many parts corn on high grounds escaped injury, while that on lower ground was severely hurt. It will be safe, we think, to estimate the injury in the territory named, at 25 per cent. of the estimated crop. It may exceed this throughout some territory. Other minor crops, such as tobacco, hops, tomatoes and other tender garden vegetables, as well as grapes, were greatly injured or utterly ruined, while in Kansas, Nebraska, Southern and Western Iowa, Southern Illinois and Indiana, and all other portions of the corn producing region great injury is reported."

St. Louis, September 11.—Henry Blessing, No. 1451 Cass avenue, a steamboat engineer, 50 years old, has a handsome wife of 23, of whom he is intensely jealous. He also has a brother-in-law, William Spelman, who has made his home with them for some time past. Blessing has not been working for a month past and has been drinking, quarreling and moody. Last night, after all had retired, he quarreled with his wife, fired a pistol at her without effect and then slashed her across the abdomen with a razor, inflicting a frightful wound several inches long. Her brother then rushed in. Blessing turned and fired two shots, one of which struck Spelman in the face, below the left eye, and the other penetrating his lungs. Not satisfied with this, Blessing slashed both sides of Spelman's throat with a razor and laid his abdomen open from the navel to the short ribs. Blessing then went to the garret and cut his own throat from ear to ear, severing the wind pipe, but not touching the important arteries. Both men will die. Mrs. Blessing will probably recover.

KANSAS CITY, September 11.—In consequence of the recent publication of Dick Liddell's statement regarding the history of the James gang, Police Commissioner Craig, of this city, has given out the confession of Clarence Hite, made to the officers at Jefferson City, and which is published to-day.

Clarence Hite, the youngest of the band, was captured in Kentucky shortly after Liddell's surrender. Being confronted by evidence of his complicity in the Winston and Blue Cat robberies, he pleaded guilty at the Davison county Criminal court and was sentenced to 25 years. This confession was made before Governor Crittenden, Commissioner Craig and Sheriff Timberlake, of Clay county, upon after Hite was incarcerated in the penitentiary and before the death of Jesse James. Last February Hite was pardoned on account of failing health, and died a few days after. He made the statement just before death to a reporter, which was published at the time, and which corresponds substantially with that published to-day. As given the officer, this account of the movements of the gang during Hite's connection with it, corresponds in all essential particulars with Liddell's story, and corroborates, in detail, Liddell's testimony at Gallatin, implicating Frank James in the Winston robbery. It also accuses Frank of participation in the Blue Cat robbery as told by Liddell, and for which James is yet to be tried. Charles Ford took part in the Blue Cat robbery and is expected to testify, as also will Liddell, when that case is heard.

Flogged Him Because He Cried. A negro woman, on Acacia street, last night was most unmercifully beating her child, and then after the child cried pretty loud gave him another flogging because he cried and did not stop at her command. The whole neighborhood is annoyed, and the officer on the beat is requested to investigate the same.

Recorder's Court. W. Malham, carrying a pistol, continued; Dick Anderson, obstructing the gutter on Houston street, continued; Michael Oats, disorderly, \$5; C. Strawhall, leaving team alone, continued; M. Satterwhite, cruelly beating a horse, continued; Flannigan, drunk and noisy, \$5; Harry Allen, drunk and disorderly, \$5.

Dekhardt's Missing. Ernest Dekhardt, a butcher, residing on East Commerce street, mysteriously disappeared yesterday, and earnest search is being made for him, more especially because a memorandum has been found in Dekhardt's handwriting, in which he declared that "a bullet shall end his life." Thus far the search for the missing man or his remains have been unsuccessful.

What Would the Banders Say. A German lady who keeps a boarding house in town was hard at work yesterday evening plundering Hugo & Schmeltzer, of tin, fruits, meats and various other articles. Three half burnt, half boiled collection of dainties were carried off in a wagon, whether for the benefit of her boarders or otherwise we cannot say, though we think we can guess what the boarders would say, should they be fed on these burnt up remnants.

Rather Hard. A gentleman stopping at Hord's was asked to pay his bill. He immediately handed over \$100 and said he would pay the rest of his bill in the morning. The proprietor, afraid of him not paying his bill, sent for the police and had him arrested, a slight disturbance having taken place between him and the night clerk meanwhile. The gentleman is well known as a responsible person, and holds a high position in New Orleans. It is rather hard his word could not be taken.

A Novel Night. Yesterday evening the scene at Hugo & Schmeltzer's was worth paying 50 cents to see. All kinds and denominations of people were gathered in the gloomy and burnt-up store, grasping, pushing, kicking and pulling each other in the endeavor to gather up the burnt remains of canned fruits, meats and other things. The crouching forms in the dim light, the piles of boxes, half burnt tins, broken champagne bottles glimmered and sparkled in the moon light, giving one, more than anything else, an idea of plunderers on a field of battle.

A Violent Landlord. A lady who carried her child and was in tears had an interview with Judge Mason yesterday. She said her landlord had threatened to use violence to her if she did not quit the place she rented from him in three days. She intended, anyway, to vacate the premises on Saturday and wanted to know what he could do. The Judge told her that she could only be turned out by the process of the law, and if her landlord interfered any further she was to make an affidavit against him.

Volkstest Notes. Dr. Lindner and Commissioner Braden have returned from their trip in the interests of the Volkstest. At Bernard they procured a decorated wagon and a band of music. They brought back 26 fine ornithological and pictorial design suits for the night procession. The rules they have arranged for excursion are as follows: Houston \$5, Columbus \$4, Schulerberg \$3.50, Gonzalez \$3, Luling \$2.50, the round trip. Professor Katzenberger had a very successful rehearsal last night of his choral singers. The Talkers' union will be represented by a funny wagon in the procession.

A Pleasant Evening. A very pleasant social gathering was held last night at the residence of Mrs. Elliot, on St. Mary's street. Among the ladies present were the Messrs. Hockett, Miss May Elliot, Miss Florence Jackson, Miss Annie Newton, Miss Virginia Newton and the Misses Montsalvage, and the gathering was a most enjoyable one. The only thing that occurred to mar the pleasure of the evening was an accident by which Mrs. Elliot fell from the gallery and sprained her ankle. Liberal refreshments were served at 9:30. Those who attended are very grateful to Mrs. Elliot and Miss May Elliot for the pleasant evening spent at their residence.